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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: PECKHAM, et al.

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Appl. No. 10/671,845

Group Unit: 3644

For: Method And Apparatus For Fast Deploying And Retrieving Of Towed Bodies

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Dear Sir:

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 7, 2004 having a shortened statutory period set to expire August 7, 2004.

ELECTION

In response to the restriction requirement set forth by the Examiner, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-14) for further prosecution and withdraw Group II (claims 15-19); Group III (claims 20-24); Group IV (claims 25-29); Group V (claims 30-31) and Group VI (claim 32) without prejudice. Timely review and consideration of the application is greatly appreciated.

In the claims:

1. Please cancel non-elected claims 15-32, without prejudice.

PAYMENT: No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of this application, please charge it against deposit account 190130.

Respectfully submitted,

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